<u>**IN THE CLAIMS:**</u>

<u>**Kindly replace the claims with the following full set of claims:**</u>

1. (Currently amended) A method for classification of a program comprising the steps of:

receiving an audio/video signal corresponding to the program;

determining transcript information associated with the program using the audio/video signal;

identifying at least one cue ~~of a plurality of cues~~ in the transcript information <u>and an associated time of occurrence</u>, each of the ~~plurality of~~ cues ~~having~~ <u>being</u> associated <u>with</u> ~~therewith~~ a type of program;

correlating the at least one cue ~~of the plurality of cues~~ identified in the transcript information to the type of program;

<u>comparing the time of occurrence of two cues selected from the at least one identified cue and determining a proximity of occurrence of the two selected cues;</u> and

classifying the program based on the <u>proximity of occurrence of the two selected cues.</u> ~~correlation of the at least one cue of the plurality of cues identified in the transcript information.~~

2. (Original) The method for classification of a program according to claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

receiving an audio/data/video signal which includes the transcript information.

3. (Currently amended)   The method for classification of a program according to claim 1 ~~further comprising the steps of:~~

~~noting a time of occurrence during the program of the at least one cue and a second cue; and~~

~~comparing the time of occurrence of the at least one cue and the second cue to determine a proximity of occurrence of the at least first cue and second cue;~~

wherein if the proximity of occurrence is greater than a predetermined amount, the

~~at least first cue and second cue~~ <u>the two selected cues</u> are ignored in connection with determining the program classification; and

wherein if the proximity of occurrence is not greater than the predetermined amount, the <u>two selected cues</u> ~~at least first cue and second cue~~ are utilized in connection with determining the program classification.

4. (Original)   The method for classification of a program according to claim 1, wherein the classification of the program is one of a news program, talk show, sports program, panel discussions, interviews, and situational comedy.

5. (Original)   The method for classification of a program according to claim 1, wherein the transcript information comprises closed-captioned text.

6. (Currently amended) Apparatus for classification of a program, comprising:

a receiver to receive an audio/data/video signal corresponding to the program;

a transcript information extractor for extracting transcript information associated with the program from the audio/data/video input signal;

a cue extractor for identifying at least one cue ~~of a plurality of cues~~ in the transcript information <u>and an associated time of occurrence</u>, each of the ~~plurality of~~ cues having associated therewith a type of program;

a knowledge database for correlating the at least one cue ~~of the plurality of cues~~ identified in the transcript information to the type of program;

<u>a temporal database for comparing the time of occurrence of two selected cues of the at least one cue to determine a proximity of occurrence of the two selected cues</u> and

a classifier for classifying the program based on the <u>proximity of occurrence.</u> ~~correlation of the at least one cue of the plurality of cues identified in the transcript information.~~

7. (Currently amended) The apparatus for classification of a program according to claim 6, ~~wherein a time of occurrence during the program of the at least one cue and a second cue is noted, the apparatus further comprising:~~

~~a temporal database used to compare the time of occurrence of the at least one cue and the second cue to determine a proximity of occurrence of the at least first cue and second cue;~~

wherein if the proximity of occurrence is greater than a predetermined amount, the <u>two selected cues</u> ~~at least first cue and second cue~~ are ignored in connection with determining the program classification; and

wherein if the proximity of occurrence is not greater than the predetermined amount, the <u>two selected cues</u> ~~at least first cue and second cue~~ are utilized in connection with determining the program classification.

8. (Original) The apparatus for classification of a program according to claim 6, wherein the classification of the program is one of a news program, talk show, sports program, panel discussions, interviews, and situational comedy.

9. (Original) The apparatus for classification of a program according to claim 6, wherein the transcript information comprises closed-captioned text.